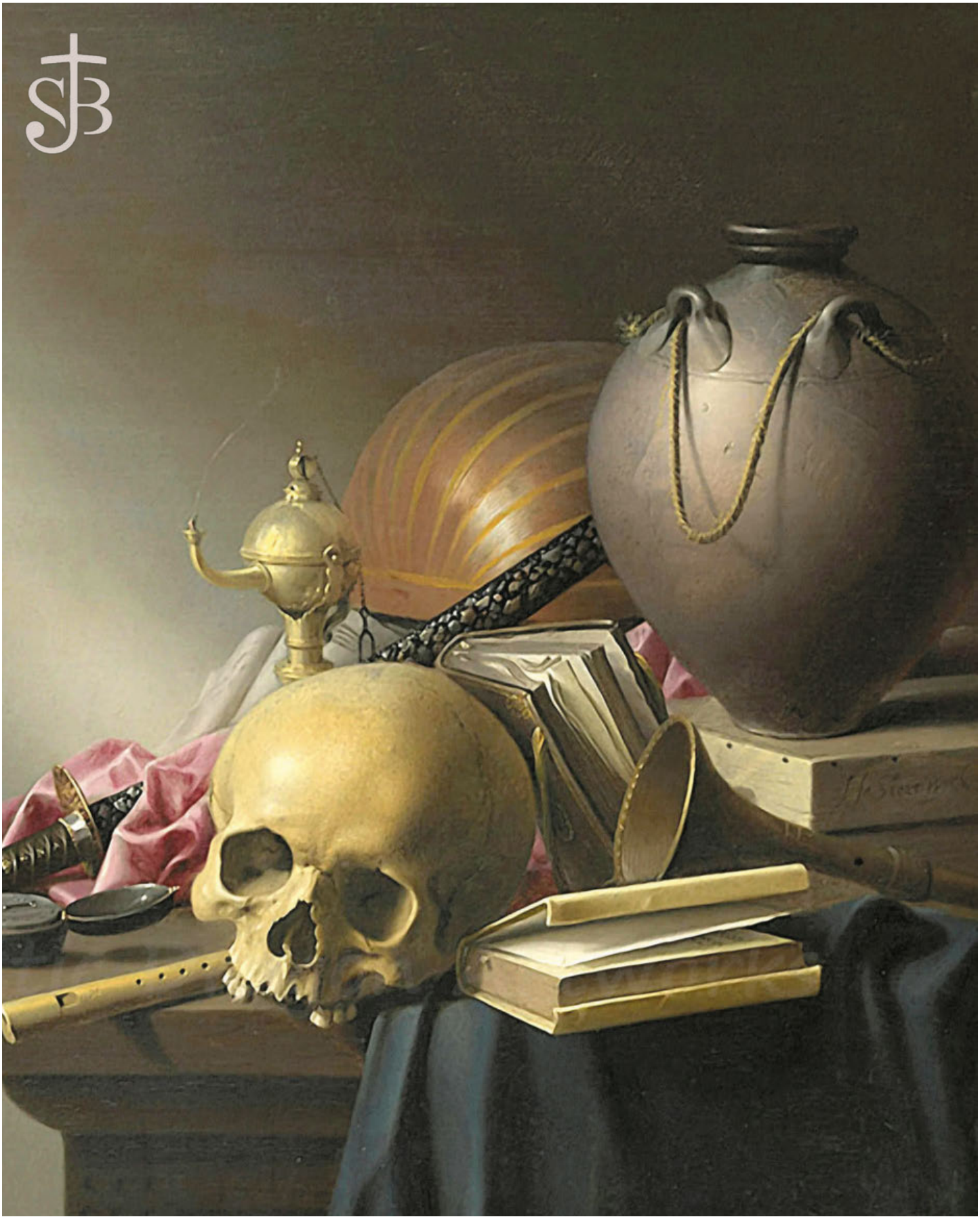

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus speaks about money more than almost anything else. This is because money reveals the things to which our hearts are attached; money offers us the power to pursue what is most dear to us. He tells us that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) What this boils down to is that you can look at your bank statement to find out what you love the most (well, that and your calendar).

The readings this weekend show the foolishness and vanity of loving worldly comfort and pursuing earthly gain. Jesus warns specifically against greed and then tells a parable about a man who works his whole life for his own earthly gain only to lose every earthly thing once he dies. This is a Gospel reading that many people should find concerning; Jesus is directly saying that a man can work his whole life and it's all for nothing. We should not be accumulating wealth for the purpose of being wealthy.

Is Jesus saying money is bad? No. He's saying our hearts need to be changed and our desires redirected. Our hearts need to be changed and converted away from greed and oriented toward loving Him and serving others. Jesus' message is that it matters where we direct our money. How we spend or invest money shows what it is that we are most excited about, most hoping for. How we use money shows what we think will really pay off in the long run. If we don't have an eternal perspective on what will pay off, we may be too shortsighted with how we invest and spend our money. If there's something more exciting to us than building God's Kingdom, then our hearts might not be in the right place just yet.

In Christ,

Fr. Dan K.

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

The new Tuesday 8 AM Mass will run through August 19th.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM -5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM -9:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM -5:00 PM

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday-1:00 PM through
Saturday 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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STAFF TESTIMONY

Anna Wells RECEPTIONIST

The greatest thing I ever did was surrender to the superabundance of the Lord's love and mercy!

My reversion began not long after I started attending St. John's, around the time I was twenty years old. That was also when I realized how deeply I needed saving by the Lord. I was starting to walk down the wrong path, led there by my sin and the weight of the trauma I experienced as a young girl. I truly felt like the lost sheep who had wandered off—help seeming so far away.

That left me in a place where all I could do was cry out to the Lord for help and surrender everything to Him. And of course, I heard His voice—and He answered me! My heart opened, and it was transformed from one of stone and rigidity into a heart of flesh—full of joy and absolute delight in the Lord.

Slowly, and in a way I never expected, I began to hear God speaking to me in many ways. Ways that seem so simple when you're no longer resisting them. From listening to Fr. Dan's homilies on encountering the Lord's love and mercy, and learning how Jesus wants a relationship with us, to simply reading scripture and spiritual books—the Lord revealed Himself to me. As that happened, my relationship with the Lord came fully alive. I became hungry for more of Jesus and all that He had for me. I wanted nothing more than to participate with the Lord—to live out my gifts and charisms, and to make every aspect of my life Christ-centered. I knew the best way to do that was through frequent use of the sacraments—especially visits to the Blessed Sacrament in adoration, attending daily Mass, and getting involved in parish events like Healing the Whole Person and Alpha.

As I grew in faith and community, I developed a strong desire to serve. When the opportunity arose to volunteer at Alpha as a table lead, I knew it was the open door God was giving me to begin serving the parish. Soon after, I noticed an open position for receptionist and felt called to apply. Thankfully, I was offered the role.

It has been such a great blessing to be on staff here and to get to know so many of our parishioners more personally. I'm so grateful that I get to serve all who walk into or call the office each week. But more than anything, I'm thankful to the Lord for opening my heart to Him and to His plan for my life.

The journey is still ongoing, of course—but that's where I find hope: the Lord always has more for us!

We're excited to kick off another amazing season of faith, fellowship, and formation here at St. John the Baptist! As summer winds down, we're gearing up for a full lineup of events to bring our parish family together and deepen our walk with Christ.

All Night Adoration— On the first Friday of the month, come spend time in quiet prayer and encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a sacred space for rest, renewal, and listening for God's voice speaking into your heart.

Men's Breakfast— On the second Saturday of the month, Men of the parish gather with us for food, fellowship, and real conversation about faith and life. Strengthen your walk and your brotherhood.

Worship Night— On the third Friday of the month we lift our voices and hearts together in praise! Come experience powerful worship music, prayer, and the presence of God in a dynamic, spirit-filled evening.

Women's Breakfast— Join us for a morning of community, inspiration, and great. It's a beautiful way to connect with other women of faith and be nourished in spirit.

Holy Brews— On October 1st, Holy brews returns! On the first Wednesday of each month, we gather at Ypsi Alehouse for casual, faith-centered conversations over pints and a peck. Bring your questions, bring a friend and join us for a talk about the things that matter most. Each evening features a guest speaker, followed by a lively Q&A.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW—SEPTEMBER IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

Summer sessions still to come:

Aug 4TH, 11TH, 18TH - Church History

NEW FALL SESSIONS! OUR "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES CONTINUES...

The "What the Church Teaches" series is our answer to OCIA. Whether you're new and just exploring the Catholic faith or are a lifelong Catholic looking to go deeper, you're warmly invited to join us!

This fall, we'll dive into powerful and thought-provoking teachings, including the Sacraments, the Liturgy, Catholic moral teaching, Catholic social teaching, being Catholic in a secular world, and discerning God's plan for your life.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

WELCOME FR. DAN AND FR. JACK!

Last month, Campus Ministry hosted their Disciples Night—a beautiful evening of fellowship, a powerful talk, Adoration, and small groups. Fr. Dan and Fr. Jack shared their personal testimonies and vocation stories, which deeply impacted our students. We're incredibly grateful for their authentic witness and feel truly blessed to have them walking alongside our community.

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FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A full listing of our Fall Bible Studies is now available at our website. Scan the QR code or visit YpsiCatholic.org/ bible-study.

SO MANY GOOD THINGS STARTING THIS FALL!

JOIN THE SJB MAILING LIST

Stay up to date on the latest Mass schedules, events, formation opportunities and ministries. We're on a mission to create community and connect people— to each other, and to God. Sign up, stay in the know, and get involved! We promise not to flood your inbox. :)

FAMILY FORMATION IS COMING SOON!

Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every other Sunday (time TBD) during the school year to grow as disciples in community, together as a family.

Each evening includes:

- Family Praise & Worship
- Age-Specific Catechesis for kids and teens
- Adult Formation through talks and small group discussion
- Monthly at-home materials to support parents as the primary catechists of their children

Family Formation is an essential part of preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All families are encouraged to participate—including those whose children attend Catholic school or homeschool. Many have found it offers a unique sense of community and discipleship beyond the classroom.

MORE THAN JUST LEARNING DOCTRINE, FAMILY FORMATION HELPS US WALK TOGETHER AND LIVE OUT OUR FAITH—AS FAMILIES, IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

We're looking for more Sacristans to help with daily Masses. No experience necessary—training will be provided!

To serve in this meaningful way or to learn more, contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a holy hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy washing" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

We would like to provide this ministry to both Fr. Dan and Fr. Jack. We need at least 6 more women to cover both of them in prayer. If you feel called to such prayer, contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
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Kailyn Fitzgerald
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Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
12:15 PM: † Xavier Randolph
Requested Pine Hills Camp Boys Leadership Team

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5
8 AM: Intentions of Michael Oetjens & Family
Requested by Liz Richards

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5
6 PM: † Myron Koeppe
Requested by Jackie Kleinsasser

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
8 AM: † Wayne Kranz
Requested by John & Joyce Yurko

THURSDAY, AUGUST 71
8 AM: † Oakley & Judy Neau
Requested by Gary & Shelly Czupinski

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
8 AM: † Intentions of George Firn
Requested by Mary Firn

5 PM: † Maryann & Walter Pakulski
Requested by Ann Burdick

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
9 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † George & Merle Harington
Requested by Ralph Walkley

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Seek not the things of this Earth

In the Letter to the Colossians, he (St. Paul) says: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (3:1-2). At first sight, on reading this text it might seem that the Apostle intends to encourage contempt of earthly realities, in other words inviting us to forget this world of suffering, injustice and sin, in order to live in anticipation in a heavenly paradise. The thought of "Heaven" would in this case be a sort of alienation. Yet, to grasp the true meaning of these Pauline affirmations, it is sufficient not to separate them from the context. The Apostle explains very clearly what he means by "things that are above" which the Christian must seek and the "things that are on earth", that the Christian should avoid.

Now, first of all what are the "things of the earth" that must be avoided? "Put to death therefore", St Paul writes, "what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (3:5-6). Putting to death within us the insatiable desire for material goods, selfishness, the root of all sin. Therefore, when the Apostle invites Christians to detach themselves firmly from the "things of the earth", he clearly wishes to make them understand that they belong to the "old nature", from which the Christian must divest himself, in order to put on Christ.

Just as he was unambivalent in spelling out the things which we should not set our hearts on, he was equally clear in pointing out to us the "things that are above", which on the contrary Christians must seek and savour. They concern what belongs to the "new nature", which has put on Christ once and for all in Baptism, but always needs to be renewed "after the image of its Creator" (Col 3:10). This is how the Apostle to the Gentiles describes these "things that are above": "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other.... And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col 3:12-24).

St Paul, therefore is very far from inviting Christians, each one of us, to escape from the world in which God has placed us. It is true that we are citizens of another "city", where our true homeland is found; but we must journey on towards this destination every day, here on earth. Taking part from this moment in the life of the Risen Christ, we must live in this world, in the heart of the earthly city, as new men and women.

BENEDICT XVI

ANGELUS

COURTYARD OF THE PAPAL RESIDENCE, CASTEL GANDOLFO

SUNDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2010

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
AUGUST 9TH & AUGUST 10TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
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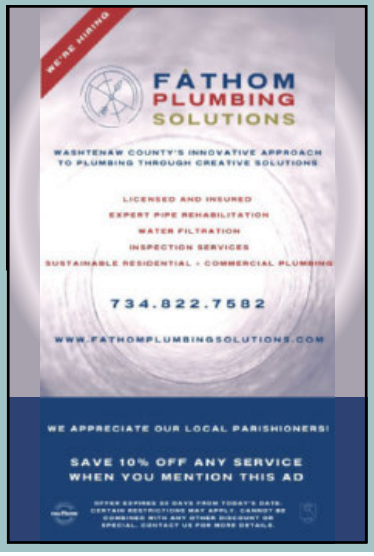

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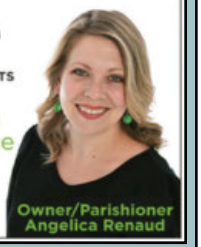
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